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Applicant(s): Tim Keith, et al. Confirmation No.: 8966

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OBESITY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated August 6, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicant(s) have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including December 6, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.